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Dear Ms. Hesse:


I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion on the proposed settlement before you in the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit.

As a Kirkwood community college computer instructor, I have the opportunity to teach the Microsoft Office suite to my students. I have seen first-hand the advances Microsoft has made in the software industry. Everyday, my students learn more about how to harness technology and use it to their advantage to work more efficiently.

Microsoft changed the way America, and the world for that matter, does business. As I understand it, most of the world's computer users work on Microsoft's Windows software. That is truly an amazing accomplishment. Success on that scale only comes when a company continues to produce an outstanding product year in and year out.

I urge you to accept the settlement before you on behalf of all taxpayers. Too much time and too many resources have been spent trying to tear down a company that has enriched our national economy and aided businesses worldwide. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

  
Marie Schulte